

## At Random

Everybody out for defense. There's work for everyone. Ask at you can do.

Remember Pearl Harbor.

But don't forget Christmas. Make it a Merry one.

If you haven't visited our stores, do so at once. They are showing excellent lines of gift articles.

There are mothers and dads, sons and daughters, sisters and brothers to be remembered.

It's hard to get away from war topics. But right now war is our job. Let everyone do the best he can for defense and for smashing the Germans and Japs. And Musso too needs a lot of attention.

Fifth columnists! They are everywhere.

Accuse nobody until you are sure you are right, and then report your suspicions to the right authorities.

If drastic action is deserved the guilty will be definitely apprehended and disposed of.

If you can't be a loyal American to the core, then you have no business in this country.

If interested in the navy, application blanks may be secured at this office.

The Red Cross has been given another quota. This time it is \$800 that has to be raised in Crawford county.

## Loefflers Depressed Over False Report

There was much excitement here early last week when it was reported that 12 people had been arrested by G-Men—charging them with being spies for Germany. Investigation proved that that was not true.

However Paul Loeffler of Lovells, charged with being the ring leader, denies that he is in any way implicated in any such organization. In an interview with Loeffler last Friday afternoon in this office, he told us that both he and Mrs. Loeffler are American citizens and that their hearts are all for America and for what it stands.

Loeffler asked us to say in the Avalanche that he was born in Germany, and that during the first world war he was a captain of a machine gun company. He came to America in 1927 and immediately took steps to become a citizen. This requires five years and in 1932, he said, he received his final citizenship papers and was genuinely happy.

He is a stone mason and builder and is kept busy at his trade. He and his wife came to Lovells nine years ago from Detroit. He is 57 years of age. They have a son and daughter living in Detroit, both of whom are married, and three grand children.

Loeffler was accompanied to this office by a reputable citizen of Lovells who said he had known Paul for nine years and that during all that time he had never known of any act by the latter that was in any way unpatriotic.

Loeffler said that he and his wife were sorely hurt by this unwarranted story. He said that they are good American citizens and desire to be considered so. They love America and intend to live here for the remainder of their lives and are ready to do their parts in the defense of America.

Regardless of Mr. Loeffler's claims, and we have no personal reason for disbelieving them, he is on a spot. We stated to him that under the present condition he would have to be doubly careful of what he said and did. Anything that might point to disloyalty on his part might be construed against him. We want him to be a good American citizen. He is most welcome under that condition. We need his help and America is going to demand it. It must come from the heart and not because of force. This Loeffler emphatically assures.

## GRAYLING LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Dec. 21st  
10:00 A. M.—Sunday School.  
11:30 A. M.—English Services.  
Wednesday, Dec. 24th  
4:30 P. M.—Christmas Eve services in Danish language.  
Thursday, Dec. 25th  
11:00 A. M.—Christmas Day, English services.  
All services by Willard Garred, student minister, of Des Moines, Ia.

## Harold MacNeven Heads County Defense Council

CLARENCE JOHNSON AND ALFRED HANSON TO ASSIST IN THE WORK

With the declaration of war with Japan, Germany and Italy, defense work starts right out in real earnest.

A public mass meeting was held at Legion hall last week Thursday night, at which time plans and arrangements were made for the organization of a Crawford County Defense Council, to aid and assist the County Red Cross chapter and for general defense work.

Mrs. C. G. Clippert, chairman of the county Red Cross chapter, announced that while there is still a deficit in the amount pledged for the annual roll call, that the National Council of Defense is now calling for funds for defense work. The quota assigned Crawford county for defense work is \$800, and that amount is needed quickly as possible.

Harold MacNeven has been appointed chairman of the county defense council, with Alfred Hanson and Clarence Johnson, also to serve on the committee.

## To Give New Year Party

Ways and means had to be made for raising that amount. Committees have been appointed to assist the local Council and it was decided to give a dancing party on New Year eve at the school gymnasium for the purpose of raising money. This will be from the hours of 10:00 and 2:00 o'clock. This will be sponsored by the Crawford County Council of Defense.

Plans are being made for a really happy evening. A good orchestra will be secured, the place will be attractively decorated and there will be the usual New Year eve attractions. Tickets will be sold at \$1.00 per person.

On the occasion several of our local dance places will be closed to dancing. Among them are Spike's Keg O' Nails; Shoppens Blue Room and Zauel's. While they will be open for business otherwise, dancing will be omitted.

The following committees have been appointed:

Tickets—Dr. Cook, Miss Margaret Bauman, and Roy Frudgeon. To aid in the dissemination of tickets, they will be placed in the hands of the head officers of our several fraternities, lodges, and other civic groups. Because of the nature of the cause this latter plan is certain to meet ready cooperation.

The decorating committee will be Clement Blaine, James Miller, Burton Welter and Archie Cripps. Check room—Nels Olson. Music—Spike MacNeven.

This party is going to need the cooperation of the entire public. It is a big undertaking and nobody should refuse to help in any capacity in which they can do so. Here's a chance for everyone to work, and also every adult should purchase a ticket.

## United States Civil Service Examination

The United States Civil Service Commission announces open competitive examinations for the following positions in the Reid Service in the State of Michigan: Senior Storekeeper

Principal Storekeeper \$2,300 a year.

Senior Storekeeper \$2,000 a year.

Storekeeper \$1,800 a year.

Assistant Storekeeper \$1,620 a year.

Junior Storekeeper \$1,440 a year.

Under Storekeeper \$1,260 a year.

Application blanks and full information may be obtained from the Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, at any first or second-class post office in the State of Michigan, or the Manager, Seventh U. S. Civil Service District, Post Office Building, Chicago, Illinois.

Applications must be filed with the Manager, Seventh U. S. Civil Service District, Post Office Building, Chicago, Illinois, and will be received until further notice.

## Michelson Memorial Sunday School Program

Our Christmas program will be heard at Michelson Memorial church next Tuesday evening at 7:00 o'clock. This is open to the public and we urge all to come and encourage our young people in their worthy efforts. Miss Ruth Kuhlman will be home from Augustana College and will bring us a violin number. Come and bring your friends. Bible School Board.

## THIS YEAR give a share in America's DEFENSE Bonds and Stamps



## Mrs. Walter Hanson Dies Suddenly

Although Mrs. Walter Hanson had been in ill health for over four years her sudden passing at her home Sunday morning was a definite shock to her family and friends. Mrs. Hanson who was suffering from a serious heart ailment, had rallied from many serious sieges of illness and of late had been able to even get out and make social calls. Too, she had been doing the things about her home that she liked to do and her family felt that that was good indication that she was improving in health. Sunday morning she arose at about 7:30 o'clock and some fifteen minutes later was found dead in the bathroom of her home. Acute dilatation of the heart was given as the cause of death by her physician.

Mrs. Hanson was a dutiful homemaker and mother. Of true christian character she was always striving, and stood for the better things of life. She had a lot of sympathy for the less fortunate and in the neighborhoods where she lived she was known for her immense kindness. She enjoyed a large circle of friends among young and old and many of these were intimate friendships she had made on coming to Grayling and they had lasted throughout the years. This means that Mrs. Hanson had that quality of loyalty which not only makes, but keeps friends.

Hulda Caroline Carlson was born in Langevo, Kalaolia, Sweden August 5, 1878. She came to Grayling in 1903 and on April 16th of that year was united in marriage to Hans Walter Hanson. The wedding took place at the Manistee House which was located where the Fischer Hotel now stands. The Andrew Andersons of Portland, Ore., were the proprietors and they were close friends of the Hansons. Mrs. Hanson was a devoted member

of the Danish-Lutheran church and of the Danish "Sisterhood" and was also one of the most ardent workers of the Ladies Aid society. These organizations meet each month and Mrs. Hanson enjoyed being in attendance when able.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Grayling Lutheran church, Rev. H. W. Kuhlman officiating, and many old friends attended the last rites. The following were pallbearers: Samuel Rasmussen, Robert Ziebell, Alfred Hanson, Chris Johnson, Algot Johnson and Johannes Rasmussen. Interment was in Elmwood cemetery.

Surviving the deceased besides her husband are three daughters and two sons. Mrs. John W. Libcke, Robert Hanson, Detroit; Mrs. A. B. Zauel, Miss Agnes and George Hanson, Grayling. Also there is one brother, Alfred Carlson of Kearsley, B. C., and three grandchildren. The Avalanche joins with friends in extending sympathy to the family in their sad bereavement.

## About Those Lost Policies

About a year ago one of our Insurance Companies mailed us a supply of automobile insurance policies. These failed to reach us. The American Insurance Co., in order to protect itself, is now advertising the matter so that in case the lost policies MIGHT fall into the wrong hands, they cannot be fraudulently issued. Therefore the public notice, headed "Notice of Lost Insurance Policies" makes the said numbered notices null and void.

We write hundreds of policies for our customers in this company, which is one of the finest and strongest insurance companies in America. The matter of the lost policies in no way reflect on that company. It is only a legal procedure used for their protection. The notice will appear again this week and next week, making the legal three publications.

Palmer Fire-Ins. Agency.

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## Former Resident Passed Away

Funeral services for John W. Billings, father of Mrs. George M. Collen of this city were held here Monday morning with prayer at the Grayling Funeral Home followed by Services at St. Mary's church at 9:00 o'clock. Rev. Fr. James Moloney officiated. Interment was in Elmwood cemetery. Mr. Billings passed away at Saginaw General Hospital Thursday afternoon, where he was taken after having been suddenly stricken while riding in a bus.

The Saginaw News printed the following concerning Mr. Billings:

John Wilfred Billings, 70, of 1936 Bay, a Michigan resident most of his life and former Pere Marquette boilermaker, died Thursday afternoon at Saginaw General hospital. Born June 16, 1871, in Bangor, Me., he moved with his parents as a baby to Au Gres, where he grew to manhood. He married Miss Alice Parent there in 1897 and they lived in Au Gres until 1912. They lived in Grayling from 1912 to 1921, when they moved to Saginaw. He was employed as a Pere Marquette boilermaker until 1929 when he retired. He was a member of St. Andrew's parish. He leaves three daughters, Mrs. Edward Dean and Mrs. Theodore Fitzpatrick of Saginaw and Mrs. George M. Collen of Grayling; a son, Guy O. Billings of Saginaw; two sisters, Mrs. Herman Mallett of Tacoma, Wash., and Mrs. Ole Olsen of Seattle, Wash.; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

## Proclamation

"CAUTION FOR CHRISTMAS"

The first official undertaking of the new Michigan State Safety Commission will be to supervise a "Caution for Christmas" campaign, to be launched immediately and to continue until the end of the New Year holiday week-end, Monday, January 5, 1942.

This campaign will have the full support of the member agencies of the State Safety Commission, including the Executive Office, the State Police, State Highway Department, Secretary of State and State Superintendent of Public Instruction, in the phases of enforcement, education and safe highway engineering.

I now appeal for the all-important cooperation of the motorists and pedestrians of Michigan, local police and highway agencies and all other public and private groups, in this program to reach every home and every individual.

The Christmas season is always the greatest challenge of the year to any program of traffic safety. City streets are crowded throughout December with shoppers afoot and in cars. Just prior to and during the actual period of the holidays, streets and highways of the State carry a heavy volume of travel as friends and relatives visit each other in keeping with the spirit of the season.

This very volume of traffic inevitably results in accidents and deaths. Coupled with this danger is the careless spirit of the season and the rush to complete a shopping trip or fill an engagement.

A third extra hazard is the weather, with early darkness and frequent storms rendering visibility poor. Pedestrians, especially, should remember that from dusk to dawn, and with pavements slippery, even on the best-lighted streets a driver seldom can see them. A final hazard is the drinking driver and pedestrian. I urge police officers throughout Michigan to use no mercy when they come across such persons.

Last year in Michigan 110 persons died of traffic accidents during the period from December 15 through January 1. Traffic will be 25 percent higher this year for an all-time Christmas traffic record and the hazards will be correspondingly greater.

The tragedy of a needless death strikes twice as hard to loved ones during the Christmas season. If the spirit of "good will toward men" is to have real meaning, it will mean that every motorist and every pedestrian will keep constantly in mind that the odds of death on the highway are greater during the Christmas season than at any other time of the year, and that every citizen of Michigan will determine to exercise constant, alert caution lest they be responsible for one of the deaths that are going to bring heartbreak to many



## Outline For SCMWA Defense Activity

I—STRIKES

In this period all strikes must be avoided. All disputes on wages, hours and working conditions must be submitted to voluntary arbitration and mediation. In this grave emergency the greatest harmony must prevail between employer and employee—especially in the government service.

## II. ACTIVITIES

1. Offer your services immediately as a local, chapter, regional group or district to your government officials—the Governor, the Mayor, etc., and to the Office of Civilian Defense.

2. Work out a specific program by which your local can best help in home defense. You know best how you can help. Ask for a meeting with your administrator or chief official to discuss this program. Do Not Wait To Be Called Upon. Take The Initiative.

3. Notify the Red Cross that your local is ready to become a headquarters for voluntary blood donations. (The Red Cross will supply all necessary facilities. Any normal person can give a pint of blood without harm or danger).

4. Get all your members to register at the proper place for Air Raid Precaution or Fire-Warden duty. (This is especially important in coast cities.)

5. Set up a committee immediately for the sale of Defense Bonds and Stamps. Call open air meetings at which your members sell stamps and bonds to the public. Organize a voluntary check-off system through co-operation with your administration for the purchase of bonds and stamps on a regular basis by every member of your local.

6. Organize the wives, mothers and sisters of your members into Auxiliary groups for knitting, Red Cross work, bond and stamp selling.

7. Continue and accelerate—all work for war relief for our allies, through the British, Russian and China Relief Agencies.

8. Put one member of your local in charge of coordinating information on home defense activity. This person should know the names, addresses and telephone numbers of all agencies such as the Office of Civilian Defense, the Red Cross, the War Relief agencies, the local headquarters of Air Raid Precaution and Fire Warden service, etc.

9. Send information on your activities to your local papers, so that your example may help to build up public morale.

Hospital and Health Locals: Ask for an immediate meeting catastrophe units. Instructions with your officials on setting up can be obtained from the Medical Advisory Board of the Office of Civilian Defense. Ask the Medical Advisory Board for a copy of Medical Advisory Bulletin No. 1, and act on its suggestions immediately.

Water Supply and Public Utility Locals: Get in touch with your local police to find out how you can serve in anti-sabotage squads.

Sanitation, Street Repair, Highway and Trucking Locals: Suggest to your administrations the immediate use of all trucks and other equipment to carry signs and posters advertising the sale of Defense Bonds and Stamps. Enlistment, instructions to the public, etc.

Garbage Disposal Locals: Work out a method for the separation of valuable metals in waste material collected. There is an acute

Michigan homes this month. I hereby proclaim the period starting immediately, and continuing until Monday, January 5, 1942, as "Caution for Christmas" Days in Michigan. Since three out of every five traffic fatalities in Michigan involve only pedestrians, I ask every citizen to remember that death is only inches away every time they step into a street containing moving vehicles.

Murray D. VanWagoner, Governor.

## Kiwanis Club Notes

Another interesting meeting was held Wednesday, and was made more pleasant by the presence of a number of out-of-town guests. Lt. Governor Ralph Keyes of Traverse City club headed a group of Kiwanians from that city. Among the group was Al Miller, former city manager of Grayling who was given an especially hearty welcome. Also there were two visiting Kiwanians from the Saginaw club.

The Grayling club pledged the sum of \$100 for use of the Crawford County Council of Defense. No doubt other organizations will pledge similar amounts soon. \$800 must be raised immediately for defense purposes and the general attitude of the people is to give liberally.

Next week's meeting will be held Tuesday noon instead of Wednesday, and the program will be Christmas. Each member is expected to contribute a child's present to be turned over to the underprivileged children's group for distribution.

Lt. Governor Keyes was the guest speaker and gave a brief resume of some of the things Kiwanians can do in this war. He is district chairman for the sale of defense bonds, and requested that every Kiwanian buy as many bonds as he can.

He paid a fine tribute to Al Miller, who is city manager of their city, and was pleased to find that Al was so popular and well liked in Grayling.

## Pre-nuptial Party for Miss Connine

Mrs. Fred R. Welsh and Miss Gail Welsh entertained with delightful tea and shower for Miss Mary Gretchen Connine Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Holger Schmidt presided at the lace covered tea table which had been placed next to the wall-space and attractively decorated with an arrangement of red and white flowers and red candles extending out from the center on the wall side of the table. Mrs. Frank Burnett also assisted in the dining room. Pine greens and red candles were used throughout the rooms.

The unwrapping of the packages of linen was a feature of the afternoon. Miss Connine, was assisted by Mrs. Franklin Pierce Hills.

Miss Virginia Hills of Detroit was an out-of-town guest.

## Henry Pearsall Dies At 86 Years

Henry Pearsall, a resident of Grayling for a long number of years, passed away Thursday, Dec. 11th of infirmities of old age, after having been an invalid for some time.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Grayling Funeral Home, Rev. O. H. H. officiating. Grandsons of the deceased were pallbearers and the remains were taken to Lewis for interment.

Mr. Pearsall was born April 1855 in New York state, and came to Michigan when he was a young man and worked for the Kneeland & Bigelow Lumber Company at Atlanta for many years. He leaves to mourn his passing his widow Martha, his daughters and five grandsons. Mrs. Pearsall is very ill the Verne Cunningham home. Mail her services at the Grayling Route No. 1, Grayling.

shortage of aluminum and copper scrap iron is valuable. This is an especially important product. Unemployment, Compensation, Employment Service and Welfare Locals: Offer the services of vocational workers and interview them to the Offices of Civilian Defense. Urge stenographers, clerks, etc., to register with the OC clerical work.

Locals in Offices Frequently By the Public: All local members occupy public offices, state liquor board locals, employment service locals, local administrative local, hospital locals, school board library locals, etc., should range with their administration to use the walls for posters, placards, and for the distribution of literature and instructions to the public.

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#### PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag  
of the United States of America  
and to the Republic for which it  
stands. One Nation indivisible,  
with liberty and justice for all."



THURSDAY, DEC. 18, 1941

#### Remember Pearl Harbor

This cry is echoed throughout  
Michigan today. Vanished are  
the ardent debates about isola-  
tionism and interventionism.  
Gone are partisan activities for  
immediate gains at the expense  
of the administration. Forgotten  
for the moment are the bick-  
erings of labor leaders for juris-  
dictional control and closed shop  
benefits.

Something has happened in  
Michigan. It represents one of  
the most complete overnight  
changes in citizen attitudes this  
state has experienced in half a  
century.

The suddenness of the treach-  
erous Japanese attack on Ameri-  
can territory, while Japanese en-  
voys were receiving our hospi-  
tality in presumed efforts to  
preserve the peace, came as a  
great shock to Michigan citizens.  
Those who had scoffed at the  
prospect of invasion—who had  
decided civilian defense activity  
as war-mongering—were among  
the first to raise their voices in  
demands for greater action, or  
in criticism at apparent unpre-  
paredness and laxity.

#### Hoffmaster De- nounces Camp Deer Law Abuses

After officially going on record  
as determined to change the reg-  
ulations that this season permit-  
ted the killing of doe and fawn  
deer for camp use, the conserva-  
tion commission has asked Dir-  
ector P. J. Hoffmaster to as-  
semble all facts about the opera-  
tion of the law for the atten-  
tion of state legislators, at the ex-  
pected special session.

Hoffmaster denounced abuses  
of the camp deer law after a  
tour through the deer hunting  
territory at the height of the deer  
season, when he saw instances of  
"flagrant disregard of the intent  
of the law" and "learned from  
conservation officers of 'imaginary'  
deer camps set up just to get  
meat to take home. He has  
urged repeal of the camp deer  
provision entirely, as no longer  
necessary with modern trans-  
portation and market facilities  
available throughout the deer  
country.

Expressing the belief that the  
Legislature had not intended to  
make the law operate as it did  
—boosting the sale of camp per-  
mits from 700 to about 20,000, or  
25,000—many observers seem  
confident the legislators will take  
the first opportunity to alter the  
1941 act.

#### Michigan's Police

Civilian defense machinery is  
now going at high speed, thanks  
to preliminary organization un-  
dertaken by the state and county  
councils of defense in coopera-  
tion with the federal govern-  
ment.

Heading the volunteer units  
are the experienced technicians  
of the Michigan State Police,  
county sheriffs and deputies, and  
city police—a trained force of  
7,100 men. The state defense  
council, clearing orders received  
from Washington, has asked local  
police chiefs to recruit auxiliary  
volunteers at once. It is expect-  
ed that the combined strength of  
full-time and volunteer police  
guards will eventually approxi-  
mate 30,000.

Experiences of England, for ex-  
ample, are being utilized by Capt.

Donald S. Leonard of the Mich-  
igan State Police, president of  
the International Association of  
Chiefs of Police who recently re-  
turned from England as a mem-  
ber of the LaGuardia study mis-  
sion, to safeguard Michigan de-  
fense plants against damage from  
bombing and sabotage. Instruc-  
tion courses are being set up for  
this purpose.

#### Sacrifices

Since the home front requires  
16 to 17 trained persons for every  
man at the military front, Mich-  
igan has a definite responsibility  
and obligation.

Instead of momentary flag-  
waving, defense officials foresee  
continuous hard work, contin-  
uous sacrifice. A long, hard war  
is in prospect. Many sacrifices  
must be made. Strength of the  
enemy must not be underestimated,  
a mistake made by the Germans  
in the recent Russian campaign.

Taking a view that years of  
sacrifice are ahead for all of us,  
what then should each person  
do? We suggest that you apply  
to the official defense authorities  
in your community. Then await  
orders.

Farmers should overhaul their  
farm equipment. Cooperative  
use of machinery and—perhaps  
labor can also be studied.

Michigan will remember Pearl  
Harbor next month, next year,  
and years to come.

#### First Aid

As modern war is all-out, in-  
volving civilians as well as the  
military, the importance of first  
aid and other protective services  
is being emphasized.

Volunteer nurses are wanted.  
Volunteer first aid crews are  
needed. Volunteer bandages and  
other equipment are needed.

Without hysterics, but with  
quiet thoroughness, local units of  
the Red Cross are expected to  
mobilize and train human re-  
sources in every community.

"It can happen here" is the  
slogan. And if it does happen  
here, we must be prepared for  
any contingency.

#### Fire Peril

Aside from the possible dam-  
age to defense industries through  
fire, a peril which is admittedly  
great, defense authorities do not  
foresee any immediate need for  
safeguards against air incendiary  
raids.

Yet, as a matter of precaution  
—a step which Pacific coast states  
are taking belatedly—schools for  
volunteer firemen are to be  
established at once. Attention  
will be given to the acknowl-  
edged peril of industrial incendiary  
attacks—isolated fires or a chain  
of isolated fires which could be-  
come a disastrous conflagration  
under favorable circumstances.

Responsibility for conducting  
these schools in each community  
rests on local officials—again, a  
home obligation.

#### Bluegill Fishing

Inland lake fishermen success-  
ful in finding ice to fish through  
before January 10 will be able  
to take up to 25 bluegills, but  
after that date the new limit of  
15 in a day will be in effect, the  
conservation department report-  
ed today.

By an immediate effect act  
passed after its three-month re-  
cess the legislature extended the  
time for bluegill fishing to Feb-  
ruary 28, cancelling an act passed  
earlier in the session that would  
have stopped it December 31.

#### In the Editor's Mail

Tacoma, Wash.  
Dec. 12, 1941

Mr. O. P. Schumann,  
Grayling, Mich.

Dear Sir:  
Please find enclosed \$2.00 for  
another year's subscription for  
the Avalanche, my old home  
paper. I enjoyed the story of the  
old time huckleberry trips, the  
lumbering with the big wheels,  
and news of old friends, such as  
Dr. C. H. O'Neill whom I worked  
with as nurse for seven years.  
While he has retired to a well-  
earned rest, I am nursing my  
great grandchildren of whom I  
have four, two boys and two  
girls.

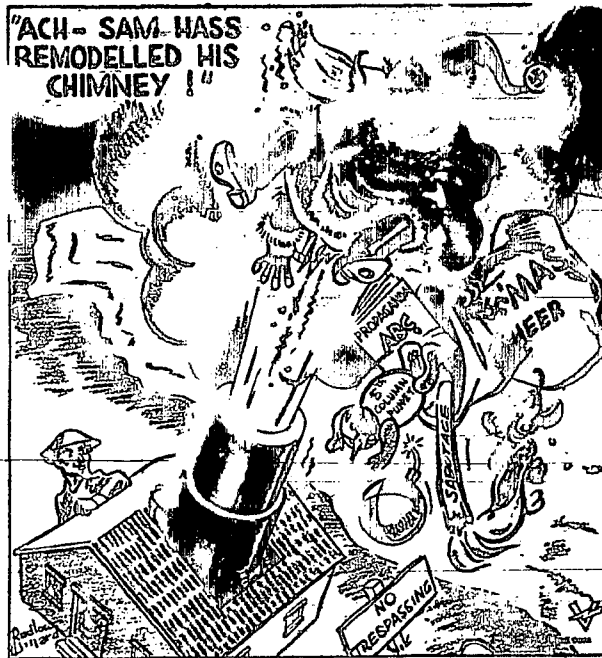
I have some camp pictures of  
Crawford county and will send  
them to you if you wish them. I  
did not get your pamphlet of the  
Avalanche.

Well, this is war, God help us  
all.

I live within 12 miles of Fort  
Lewis. My heart ached for the  
friends at Grayling for the boy  
sent back there killed in an auto  
wreck here—Herman Ingall.

Respectfully,  
Ellen J. Newcome  
3518 Portland Ave.

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**MAURICE E. MacDONALD**, representa-  
tive of Schlitz Brewing Co., of Milwaukee,  
Wis., buys first War Relief ticket for Craw-  
ford County. \$800.00 allotment.

#### Annual Christmas Tree On Dec. 24th

George Burke announces that  
the annual Community treat for  
the children of Crawford county  
will be on December 24th at the  
Community Christmas tree down  
town at 4:00 o'clock. Santa Claus  
will be there and distribute sacks  
of candies and nuts to boys and  
girls.

This is done through the cour-  
tesy of some of Grayling's busi-  
ness places with George Burke at  
the helm as usual.

#### Chef Describes How to Carve Turkey Properly

Fine roast turkey reigns supreme  
over the American Christmas table.  
But no matter how large or small  
it may be, the obstacle of carving  
the bird must first be overcome be-  
fore it can be enjoyed.

Since carving is almost an art in  
itself, a few expert suggestions are  
made by Maurice Gonneau, chef at  
a downtown hotel in New York.

Before starting to cut the turkey,  
sharpen the carving knife with the  
steel. The correct

way to sharpen  
the knife is to  
hold the steel se-  
curely in the left  
hand, passing the  
far side of the blade  
against the far side of  
the steel with a quick  
stroke toward the left hand.

When the knife is sharpened, re-  
move the second joints by putting  
fork between second joint and drum-  
stick. Insert knife between carcass  
and second joint and cut, then with  
the fork pull the joint free from the  
carcass. If turkey is properly  
cooked this will be easy. Next re-  
move the wings by cutting very  
carefully, inserting knife toward the  
joints and pull out as with the sec-  
ond joint. Take care not to cut into  
the breast.

With the breast of the turkey fac-  
ing you, slice the white meat with  
a downward stroke and away from  
the bone. Next cut the drumstick  
free from the second joint and slice  
the latter. Then cut the tail with  
lower back meat and cut out the  
"oyster," which is a small amount  
of dark meat on the back which is  
always in demand because of its de-  
licate flavor.

Serve the meat with the stuffing,  
giblet gravy and cranberry sauce.  
Spoon out the stuffing which is  
placed first on the plate. Cover  
with one piece of dark and one  
piece of light meat, unless there are  
special preferences, and cover with  
giblet gravy. Place helping of cran-  
berry sauce on the side.

#### Many Christmas Towns —Found in Postal Guide

Christmas names are found  
throughout the United States. There  
are two towns named Christmas,  
one in Florida and another in Ken-  
tucky. Maine has a Christmas  
Cove, and there are Bethlehems in  
Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Indiana,  
Maryland, Georgia, Kentucky and  
New Hampshire. Santa Claus, Ind.,  
is the most popular Christmas post  
office. There is a Noel in Missouri  
and Virginia. Nazareth is located  
in Kentucky, Michigan, Pennsylv-  
ania, North Carolina and Texas.  
Hollytree is in Alabama, and Ken-  
tucky has a Holly Bush and a Mistle-  
toe. Thirteen post offices are named  
Laurel. Each of these towns handles  
huge quantities of mail each Christ-  
mas tide.

#### Health & Hygiene

(Through the courtesy of The  
Detroit News, Children's Fund of  
Michigan and the W. K. Kellogg  
Foundation)

##### THE PROSTATE GLAND

A. W. asks in a letter to this  
column if anything can be done  
about prostate gland trouble.  
He says he is in fine health ex-  
cept for this complaint and  
would like to see a discussion of  
the subject.

Enlargement of the prostate  
gland interferes with emptying  
and bladder because the enlarge-  
ment produces pressure on a  
duct leading from it. Hence the  
bladder does not empty com-  
pletely. When this occurs infec-  
tion is apt to result, and  
symptoms of cystitis commonly  
appear.

Enlargement of the prostate  
gland occurs in men at about the  
age of 50 and again possibly at  
about 70. The cause of the en-  
largement is not known, but it  
has a familial or hereditary fac-  
tor.

About 25% of men reaching the  
age of 70 are said to have cancer  
of the prostate gland. This  
cancer tends to spread very early  
to the bones of the spine causing  
a great deal of pain and finally  
resulting in death.

The medical profession has  
been confronted with the prob-  
lem of enlargement of the pros-  
tate gland from time immemorial,  
and until recent years a satisfac-  
tory method of treatment had  
not been found. The prostate  
could be removed, but as a rule  
the patients did not come to the  
physician in time to have the  
proper treatment. Thus the con-  
dition was permitted to progress  
until infection and kidney trouble  
had occurred.

Within recent years a new  
method of treatment has had  
quite satisfactory results. A new  
channel is made by means of an  
electric knife through the pros-  
tate gland for the passage of  
urine. The operation is perform-  
ed under local anesthesia and  
patients are usually able to leave  
the hospital within ten days.

A new emphasis has been given  
to management of cancer of the  
prostate gland within recent  
months by the discovery that re-  
moval of the gonads in older  
men seems to cause a regressing  
of the cancer. In the bone the  
cancer ceased to grow and tend-  
ed to disappear. This far-reach-  
ing discovery has changed our  
viewpoint regarding a previous-  
ly hopeless condition.

An examination of the prostate  
gland is carried out in all men  
as a part of the periodic physical  
examination, and if the gland is  
in any way abnormal, it is  
observed at regular intervals.  
Sometimes retrogression of the  
enlargement takes place; at  
other times it continues and re-  
quires operation. In certain cases,  
the enlargement is light and re-  
quires only observation to be  
sure that cancer does not occur.  
In other cases the enlargement,  
while benign in appearance, may  
be cancerous. For this reason the  
patient should be examined at  
regular intervals.

With the marked improvement  
in management of this condition,  
a great deal more hope is held  
out for oldsters in this period of  
life than ever before in the  
history of medicine.

Mr. A. W. should place him-  
self under the care of a physician  
in whom he has confidence and  
accept such advice as pertains to  
his individual problem.



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McGregor Leisure Jackets	\$5.00
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I NEED YOUR HELP!



#### Christmas Menu Features Roast Turkey, Nutbread

Mothers throughout the country  
who are the "official" cooks of their  
households are again faced with the  
annual problem of selecting a Christ-  
mas menu. While something "spe-  
cial" is expected for dinner, the  
other two meals need not be elab-  
orate.

Here is a menu for the day which  
will prove popular, but entails a  
minimum of work in the kitchen:

**BREAKFAST**  
Orange Juice ..... Waiters  
Grilled Sausage, Cakes .....  
Coffee ..... Honey ..... Milk  
**CHRISTMAS DINNER**  
Clam and Tomato Juice Cocktail  
Roast Turkey, Giblet Gravy  
Celery Dressing  
Mashed Potatoes  
Buttered Green Beans  
Cauliflower and Grapefruit Salad  
Assorted Relishes  
Cranberry Sauce ..... Hot Rolls  
Fruit Cake .....  
Coffee ..... Milk

**SUPPER**  
Nutbread Sandwiches  
Mixed Vegetable Salad  
Fruit Gelatin Dessert  
Tea ..... Milk

Subscribe for the Avalanche

#### Christmas Spirit Interrupts War

Despite the horror and suffering  
among World War soldiers, the  
spirit of Christmas was not kept out  
of the trenches.

In "A German Deserter's War Ex-  
perience," the author, an anti-gov-  
ernment Socialist, tells of a Christ-  
mas celebration on the Argonne  
front.

"Christmas in the trenches! It  
was bitterly cold. We had procured  
a pine tree and decorated it with  
candles and cookies.

"At midnight the whole line of  
German soldiers began to sing  
Christmas songs in chorus.

"The French left their trenches,  
and, quite overpowered with emo-  
tion, stood with caps in hand. We  
exchanged gifts with the French—  
chocolate, cigarettes, etc. They  
were all laughing, and so were we—  
why, we did not know.

"All around silence reigned. The  
charm continued, and one scarcely  
dared to speak. Suddenly a shot  
rang out, then another. The spell  
was broken. All rushed to their  
rifles. Our Christmas was over."

**Squadron Like Battalion**  
In the U. S. air corps, a squadron  
corresponds to a ground force bat-  
talion, a group to a regiment, and  
a wing to an army brigade.

**Coconut Palms**  
Ceylon has 1,100,000 acres of co-  
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apartment, modern. Phone  
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## Northern Lights

**Christmas Vacation**  
The annual Christmas recess will find the Grayling schools closed from Monday, December 23 to Monday, January 5, when the students will return to their books and activities.

**Christmas Programs**  
Each room in both the South and North Side elementary grades have planned special programs for Friday afternoon, December 19. Invitations have been sent to the parents and others come at 1:00 p. m. to the grade grades in which they are most interested.

**Senior Party**  
Last Tuesday evening some fifteen members of the senior class, under the supervision of Mr. Roberts, enjoyed a party at the Roger Kneff cottage at Lake Argente.

**Freshman Party**  
As scheduled by the Student Council last September, the ninth grade was in charge of the regular school party on Friday, December 12. The class sponsors, Miss Nichols and Mr. Stripe, supervised the party, and about fifty boys and girls were present.

**Eighth Grade Party**  
On Thursday evening the eighth grade students were hosts to the seventh graders at a party. Miss Stahlman and Mr. Lawler, eighth grade sponsors, were present. At the lunch afterwards our cases of pop were consumed and every one went home thinking of the enjoyable evening.

**Athletics**  
The reserve squad of basketball players now boasts of a coach of its own. Mr. Lawler has added the task of coaching to his many duties. Considerable spirit has developed between the two squads and Coach Cornell's group is finding the competition stronger and stronger.

**Visual Education**  
Two very fine films were included in last week's regular shipment. "How Nature Protects Animals" showed the protective adaptation of animals in different environments. Fleets of foot, mimicry, coloration, armor and other defensive capacities were discussed.

"Colonial Children" was an excellent study of early American life centered around and in the John Adams home. The furnishings, clothing, customs and events in a colonial family's day from the morning chores to the reading of the Scriptures by the fire-side in the evening as compared to the modern life gave us all food for thought.

A special film for the home-making classes entitled "Meat and Romance" discussed the various cuts of meat and ways of preparing them. The cutting and serving of meats and their value as food was demonstrated.

**Sixth Grade News**  
The sixth grade is having a Christmas program Friday at one o'clock. They are inviting their mothers. There will be music, poems and songs. The room will be decorated with the Christmas tree.

**Fourth Grade News**  
The fourth grade children have made Christmas cards for their mothers and fathers. Some of us colored them with chalk dust and some used crayon, while others used cut-out work.  
Today (Monday) we started to practice our poems, stories and plays and we will have all week to study. On Friday we show them in front of the room.  
We are inviting our parents to come and see us.

**News Editor,**  
Patsy Ann Bishaw.

**Fifth Grade News**  
The fifth grade children have made very pretty Christmas wreaths for their homes from pine and large pine cones.  
We are planning on a very pleasant afternoon Friday, December 19th, as we have invited our mothers to our program and Christmas tree.

**Honor Roll—Second Term**  
12th Grade

Scholastic  
Annis, Francis—2A's, 2B's.  
Bugsby, Eleanor—1A, 3B's, 1C.  
Bugsby, Joyce—5B's.  
Christenson, Fay—2A's, 2B's, 1C.

Doroh, June—2A's, 1B, 1C.  
Kernosky, Ruth—1A, 2B's, 1C.  
McComick, Louise—4B's.  
Newell, Helen—2A's, 2B's.  
Pynnönen, Irene—4B's.  
Reynolds, Margaret—3A's, 1C.  
Small, Clarence—4A's.  
Stevenson, Jean—2A's, 3B's.  
Swanson, Betty—4B's.  
VanVleet, Sue—1A, 3B's, 1C.

Citizenship  
Annis, Francis—17.  
Bentley, Albert—17.  
Broadbent, Elaine—16.  
Brown, Gloria—19.  
Bugsby, Joyce—15.  
Craff, Mildred—2.

Kernosky, Ruth—19.  
Miller, Carl—2.  
McComick, Louise—2.  
Newell, Helen—14.  
Pynnönen, Irene—14.  
Reynolds, Margaret—16.  
Small, Clarence—14.  
Sorenson, William—19.  
Swanson, Betty—15.

11th Grade  
Scholastic  
Cantwell, Betty—2A's, 3B's.  
Clark, Robert—2A's, 2B's.  
Gould, Janice—2A's, 2B's.  
King, Thelma—1A, 2B's, 1C.  
LaChapelle, Robert—1A, 3B's.  
Olson, Marilyn—1A, 3B's.  
Thompson, Ross—1A, 2B's, 1C.  
VonDette, Virginia—1A, 2B's, 1C.

Citizenship  
Cantwell, Betty—1.  
Drescher, Barbara—16.  
Gould, Janice—16.  
King, Thelma—15.  
King, Lylis—15.  
Olson, Marilyn—2.  
Swarthout, Eileen—17.  
VonDette, Virginia—11.

10th Grade  
Scholastic  
Clippert, Billyann—1A, 3B's, 1C.  
Giegling, Roger—4A's.  
Milnes, Jane—2A's, 1B, 2C's.  
Smith, Dorothy—4B's.  
Smith, Mildred—4A's, 1C.  
Stevenson, Allan—2A's, 2B's.  
Welsh, Nelle—2A's, 4B's.

Citizenship  
Chappel, Patricia—14.  
Charron, Rosemary—17.  
Giegling, Roger—14.  
Hatfield, Roger—14.  
Johnston, Norma—15.  
Kraage, Doris—2.  
Small, James—14.  
Smith, Dorothy—12.  
Smith, Mildred—15.  
Thompson, Betty—1.  
Wilson, Emma—2.

9th Grade  
Scholastic  
DeLaMater, Howard—3A's, 1B.  
Howell, Mary—1A, 4B's.  
Meisel, Shirley—1A, 4B's.  
Nolan, Faith—1A, 3B's.  
Peterson, Burton—2A's, 3B's.  
Tahvonen, Irene—4A's, 1B.

Citizenship  
Cook, Thelma—19.  
DeLaMater, Howard—19.  
Goinick, Geraldine—1.  
Howell, Mary—12.  
Kennedy, Joy—15.  
Mathews, LeRoy—2.  
Nolan, Faith—1.  
Papendick, Clarence—19.  
Papendick, Robert—17.  
Tahvonen, Irene—1.  
Williams, Zoe—15.

8th Grade  
Scholastic  
Charron, A. J.—2A's, 2C's.  
Heric, Patsy—4B's.  
Nelson, Richard K.—1A, 4B's.  
Citizenship  
Annis, Myra—15.  
Charron, A. J.—2.  
Clough, Arthur—19.  
Dutton, Sara—15.  
Heric, Patsy—2.  
Ingalls, Betty—19.  
Papendick, Beatrice—2.

7th Grade  
Scholastic  
Bishaw, Rose—4B's.  
Carlson, Junior—2A's, 3B's.  
Charron, Margaret—3A's, 2B's.  
Cox, Mary Ellen—4B's.  
Giegling, Emily—1A, 3B's.  
Nelson, Caroline—4A's.  
Newell, Phyllis—1A, 4B's.  
Parkinson, Norma—1A, 3B's.

Citizenship  
Allen, Fred—19.  
Andrus, Gilbert—15.  
Andrus, Ruby—11.  
Bishaw, Rose—16.  
Brady, Sally—14.  
Brown, Beatrice—16.  
Bur, Donald—17.  
Cantwell, Evelyn—15.  
Carlson, Junior—19.  
Charron, Margaret—1.  
Cox, Mary Ellen—1.  
Cripps, Raymond—15.

Falling, John—16.  
Galloway, Evelyn—19.  
Giegling, Emily—12.  
Goinick, William—19.  
Goshorn, Janice—15.  
Goss, Leslie—14.  
Harwood, Jacqueline—11.  
Kolkka, Kenneth—2.  
Kolkka, Maxine—19.  
Laurant, William—19.  
Madsen, Iris—19.  
McGinn, Jerry—16.  
McGinn, Caroline—11.  
Newell, Phyllis—11.  
Parkinson, Norma—11.  
Phillips, Joyce—17.  
Rasmussen, Jean—16.  
Reave, Roy—16.

Simpson, Barbara—15.  
Sullivan, Lawrence—17.  
Underwood, Betty—17.  
Wadeley, Marjorie—15.  
Wilber, Joan—12.

**CRAZY HATE OF ANIMALS**  
**BEHIND CIRCUS ELEPHANT**  
**MURDERS?**

An informative article by Robert D. Roter, in The American Weekly, with the December 21 issue of The Detroit Sunday Times, will reveal authentic facts, explained by the eminent psychiatrist, Dr. A. A. Brill, which throw new light on the type of person whose disordered mind leads to the killing of animals because of hate. Be sure to get The Detroit Sunday Times this week and every week!

## Physical Requirements Modified By Navy

Many Applicants Rejected in Past Because of Minor Physical Defects May Re-apply for Re-examination

A relaxation of physical standards for enlistments in the U. S. Navy and the Naval Reserve was announced this week by the Navy Department. In commenting on this action, the Navy Department announcement stated that numerous men who in past months have sought to enlist and have been rejected on the basis of minor physical defects will, because of the modification of physical standards, be encouraged to re-apply for enlistment in either the regular Navy or the Naval Reserve for the duration of the emergency.

The Navy Department has requested that any person knowing of young men who had been barred from enlistment in the Navy or the Naval Reserve because of minor physical reasons should bring this modification in physical requirements to the attention of these young men.

Applicants with varicose veins will be acceptable under the changed standards, this varicose condition to be corrected, if the condition is painful, at the Naval Training Stations to which the new recruits are sent. Hydrocele, another defect that formerly ruled out numerous applicants, will be corrected, if necessary, after enlistees arrive at Training Stations. Applicants suffering from hernia will be accepted provided their I. Q.'s are 75 or better. Recruits suffering from hernia will be treated at the Training Stations and will be enrolled for schooling during their periods of convalescence.

Other physical defects which formerly prevented men from being accepted as recruits, but which now are waived, are seasonal hay fever; correctible nasal deformities or nasal deformities of such a degree as not to interfere with duty; undernourished and underdeveloped applicants, providing the condition is not due to organic disease; and minor surgical defects which can be corrected within a month. Applicants who possess 18 natural serviceable teeth, with at least two molars in functional occlusion and not more than four incisors missing, will be acceptable. Dental treatment will be given at the Training Stations.

Any applicant who has been rejected because of any of the defects noted above is urged to re-apply for enlistment in the Navy or Naval Reserve immediately.

All applicants accepted with defects requiring correction will be hospitalized. After correction of these defects recruits will be returned to their Training Stations at the earliest practicable time.

These modified physical standards will apply for all applicants for enlistment in either the regular Navy or the Naval Reserve with the exception of applicants for enlistment in classes for prospective commissioning.

## Church News

### MICHELSON MEMORIAL CHURCH

**Sunday Services**  
10:00 A. M.—Bible School.  
11:00 A. M.—Public worship.  
Public is invited.  
H. W. Kuhlman, Pastor.

### FREE METHODIST CHURCH

Corner Sheltonburg and State  
"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord."

**Sunday Services**  
10:00 A. M.—Sunday School.  
11:00 A. M.—Preaching.  
7:00 P. M.—Y. P. M. S.  
7:30 P. M.—Preaching.  
Come and we will do you good.  
O. H. Lee, Pastor.

### CALVARY CHURCH

The Book—2 Tim 3:16  
The Blood Heb. 9:22  
That Blessed Hope, Titus 2:13  
New Location—Grange Hall  
Pastor, F. D. Barnes.

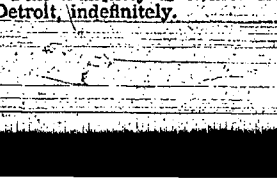
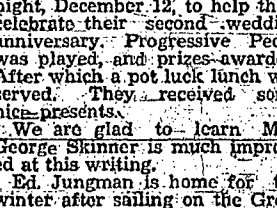
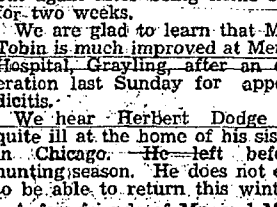
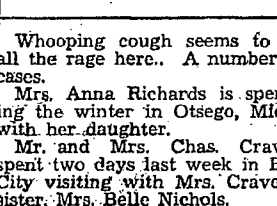
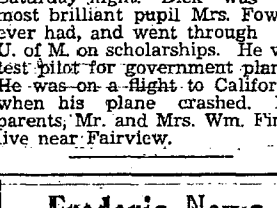
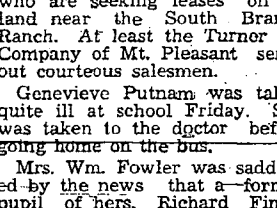
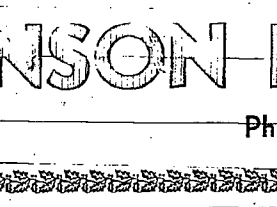
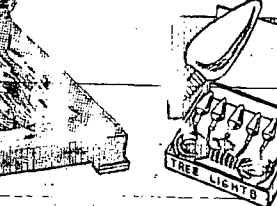
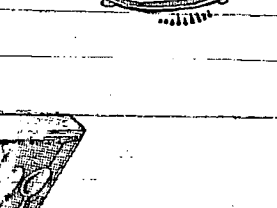
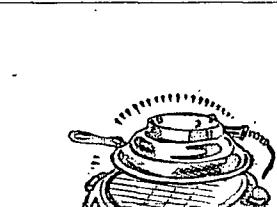
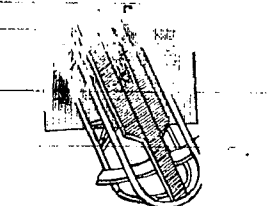
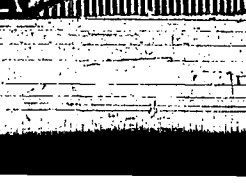
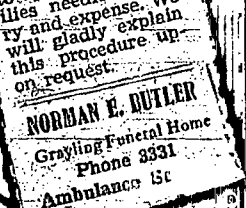
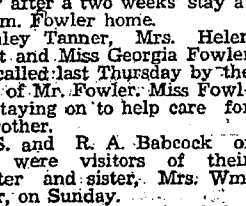
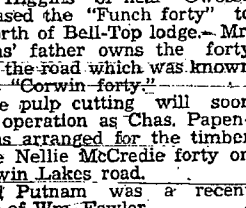
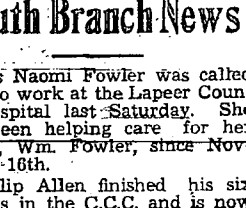
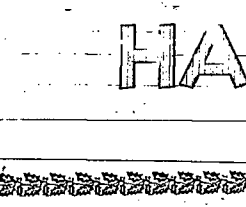
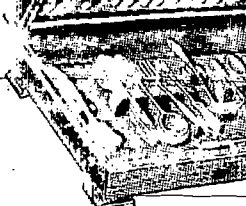
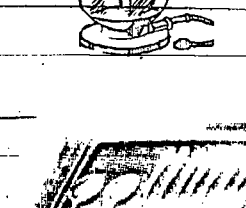
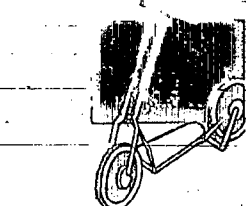
**Sunday Services**  
10:00 A. M.—Sunday School.  
8:45 P. M.—Young people.  
7:30 P. M.—Preaching.  
Midweek Services

Thursday—  
7:30 P. M.—Prayer and Everybody's Bible Class.  
You are welcome.

### FREDERIC BIBLE CHURCH

Services at Frederic  
10:30 a. m.—Sunday School.  
8:00 p. m.—Evening Service.  
Bible Study every Wednesday at 8 p. m.

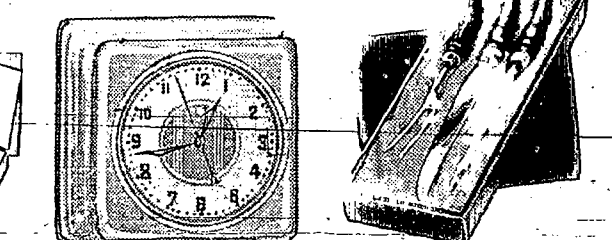
**Church Services**  
12:00 o'clock at Lovells school house.  
Rev. Chas. Oplitz, Pastor.



You'll be happy after selecting your Christmas gifts. That important and pleasant task will be off your mind for this year.

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**Enlist For Duration**  
Orders have been received at this office by telegram from Captain R. L. Gillespie, Michigan District Recruiting Officer that: Effective at once the enlistment period of the Regular Army is changed from the regular three (3) year period to the "Duration Plus Six Months."

An unlimited number of radio operators are needed in the U. S. Army Signal Corps. They may be either amateur or commercial operators. It was also stated that accredited license will be accepted in lieu of test given for proficiency. Air Corps quotas have been thrown open for the following: 500 vacancies for the Air Corps at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., 100 vacancies exist for the Air Corps at Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss., and 100 vacancies are open for the Air Corps at Shapard Field, Wichita, Falls, Texas. Arrangements will be made to give interviews to men who would like to apply for enlistment or who would like information on the Army but who cannot come to this office (Recruiting Office, post office bldg., Traverse City, Mich.) during the daytime office hours, to be interviewed evenings if they will write or phone this office for appointment. This office will be open each week day from 7:00 a. m. to 5:00 P. M. including Saturday.

**Frederic News**  
Whooping cough seems to be all the rage here. A number of cases.  
Mrs. Anna Richards is spending the winter in Otego, Mich., with her daughter.  
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Craven spent two days last week in Bay City visiting with Mrs. Craven's sister, Mrs. Belle Nichols.  
Ben Allen Sr. is able to be out again after being home sick for two weeks.  
We are glad to learn that Max Tobin is much improved at Mercy Hospital, Grayling, after an operation last Sunday for appendicitis.  
We hear Herbert Dodge is quite ill at the home of his sister in Chicago. He left before hunting season. He does not expect to be able to return this winter.  
A few friends of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Melroy dropped in Friday night, December 12, to help them celebrate their second wedding anniversary. Progressive Pedro was played, and prizes awarded. After which a pot luck lunch was served. They received some nice presents.  
We are glad to learn Mrs. George Skinner is much improved at this writing.  
Ed. Jungman is home for the winter after sailing on the Great Lakes all season.  
Phil Duncley is home from Detroit, indefinitely.

**South Branch News**  
Miss Naomi Fowler was called back to work at the Lapeer County Hospital last Saturday. She had been helping care for her father, Wm. Fowler, since November 16th.  
Phillip Allen finished his six months in the C.C.C. and is now at home.  
Mr. Higgins of near Owosso purchased the "Funch lodge" to the north of Bell-Top lodge. Mr. Higgins' father owns the lodge across the road which was known as the "Corwin forty."  
More pulp cutting will soon be in operation as Chas. Papenfus has arranged for the timber on the Nellie McCredie forty on the Tywin Lakes road.  
Fred Putnam was a recent visitor of Wm. Fowler.  
Dan Nolan returned to Mio Friday after a two weeks' stay at the Wm. Fowler home.  
Stanley Tanner, Mrs. Helen Wright and Miss Georgia Fowler were called last Thursday by the illness of Mr. Fowler. Miss Fowler is staying on to help care for her brother.  
H. S. and R. A. Babcock of Alma were visitors of their daughter and sister, Mrs. Wm. Fowler, on Sunday.  
Much interest is again being stirred up in South Branch township by the rival oil companies who are seeking leases on all land near the South Branch Ranch. At least the Turner Oil Company of Mt. Pleasant sends out courteous salesmen.  
Genevieve Putnam was taken quite ill at school Friday. She was taken to the doctor before going home on the bus.  
Mrs. Wm. Fowler was saddened by the news that a former pupil of hers, Richard Finch, was killed in an airplane crash Saturday night. Dick was the most brilliant pupil Mrs. Fowler ever had, and went through the U. of M. on scholarships. He was test pilot for government planes. He was on a flight to California when his plane crashed. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Finch live near Fairview.

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## Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

Thursday, December 19, 1918

Miss Hulda Sivrais, bookkeeper at the Sorenson Bros. store, is detained at home caring for her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Sivrais who are ill with influenza.

Mrs. S. N. Insley was in attendance at a conference of nurses held in Chicago this week. Mrs. Insley was appointed by the local Red Cross chapter to attend this conference.

Howard Granger has resumed his duties at the Lewis drug store after a two weeks' absence caused by illness. Carl Hanson, assistant clerk at the Lewis drug store is confined to his home with influenza.

Alfred Hanson returned to Grayling last week having received an honorable discharge from the service. He came from Kentucky where he has been in training since leaving the Government school at Valparaiso, Ind.

Frederick McDermaid of the U.S.N. arrived here yesterday on a two weeks furlough from Great Lakes training station.

A. Hermann, head sawyer at the big mill, was compelled to stay at home a couple of days last week as the result of an accident that occurred to him late Thursday afternoon. A ladder Mr. Hermann was standing on gave away and he fell to the floor 12 feet below, landing on his feet. The arches of both feet were quite badly injured, but he was able to return to work Monday.

It is illegal for anyone, except regular attendants, to leave a quarantined house. The penalty is a fine of not more than \$100 or a jail sentence of not more than 90 days.

Health Officer J. S. Harrington reports 65 cases of influenza and pneumonia in the city and the Village Health board has issued orders closing all schools, churches and public places. The order took effect this morning. All children under the ages of 15 years are ordered to remain at home whether there is illness in the family or not. Every family is placed upon its honor to comply with the orders of the Health department, and they should do so and not make it necessary for the police department to exercise enforcement.

Fr. J. J. Riess is spending a few days in Mackinaw City and Cheboygan this week.

Miss Mabel Ketzbeck is assisting in the Holiday Bazaar during the Christmas rush.

A baby daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Feldhauser of Lovells Friday, Dec. 6th.

A daughter was born to Mr.

and Mrs. Christenson of the South side Friday, Dec. 13th.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Babbitt last Sunday. Mrs. Babbitt was formerly Miss Jessie Fanning.

Miss Margaret Joseph arrived home from Ironcon, Wis., the latter part of the week, her school having been closed on account of the influenza.

Miss Helen Reagan is home from Detroit recuperating from an attack of influenza, and will remain over the holidays visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Reagan.

The marriage of Miss Irene V. Slingerland to Mr. Samuel E. Booth will take place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Slingerland Monday evening, Dec. 23rd at 8:30 o'clock.

Claude Bissonette, little son of Mrs. Hattie Bissonette, had the misfortune to fall and break his right leg in two places yesterday morning.

Homer Annis, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Annis of Beaver Creek, has been honorably discharged from military service and has returned home.

The Cosmopolitan Restaurant has changed hands and Mrs. Julia Gannon is the proprietress. Ernest Richards, the former proprietor, will still retain the billiard and pool room, that is in connection with the restaurant.

At a hearing on the case of the American Express Co. vs. Henry Joseph was held at the Court house Wednesday before Judge Ernest Richards, the former proprietor, and Joseph was released from all obligations toward the Express Company. The Court held that the young man had been wrongfully confined.

Due to a strike on the part of the trainmen, all travel of passengers, freight and mail on the M. & N. E. Railroad has been suspended. The cause for the strike is that the trainmen want back pay from January to July and the Company claim they cannot afford to give it.

Said indeed will be the Christmas of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Cook, as a message was received last night of the death of the oldest daughter Johanna, in Chicago, following a lingering illness.

### School Notes (23 Years Ago)

Mr. Bates was a caller at the high school Monday.

Billy Miller brought a cake for his birthday party, Monday. As one child said "We don't get a big piece, but I like to be there."

Miss Cameron was a pleasant visitor Friday morning.

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A. Buying Defense Savings Bonds, which will help the Government to preserve your child's American heritage of freedom.

Q. Will there be an intensive drive to sell Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps?

A. The Treasury Department sees in the response to the program so far indication that Americans will support National Defense on a voluntary basis, without high-pressure methods.

NOTE—To buy Defense Bonds and Stamps, go to the nearest post-office, bank, or savings and loan association; or write to the Treasurer

Most Numerous Fish  
It is thought likely that sardines and herrings are the ocean's most numerous fish.

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## Avalanche Household Hints

(By Household Hannah)

Christmas is just a few days away so we are making a few suggestions to those whose hearts are big but pocketbook lean.

Here are some suggestions for easily made, inexpensive but nice gifts:

### 2 Clothespin Bags

Materials needed are:  
1 bleached feed sack  
2 wooden coat hangers  
Thread

Divide sack widest way. Make into bag, fitting upper end over hanger of coat hanger with hook through small hole. Make an edged slit 6 to 8 inches wide one-third down from top. May be made to shut when not in use by old zipper from a shirt or hooks and eyes. Make hook open just enough to slide over line and bag will slide ahead of you. Of course more expensive material may be used.

### Other Feed-bag Gifts

Aprons—plain or decorated  
Dish towels  
Kitchen and bath curtain sets  
Holders  
Napkins for children  
Dresser scarfs  
Underclothes for children  
Rompers and dresses for small children.

### Vanity Dresser

Two orange or lemon crates.  
Board or boards 38 inches long and 3 inches wider than orange crate depth.

8 empty thread spools.  
Paper inside and out of each crate with wallpaper to match room or with oilcloth—use any wallpaper paste. When dry put 4 spools on end of each crate for legs. Make top with boards, paint or varnish. Put on curtain of material to match room, or trimmed curtains made of feed sacks. Hang mirror over vanity and any girl will be pleased.

### Handkerchief Boxes

Made from cigar boxes—cleaned and polished, varnished or painted. An ideal one is that from rum-soaked cigars as it is well made, has hinged cover and nice lock catch. These can be secured free or sometimes for a very few cents from any store selling cigars.

One of the best suggestions to offer is the Christmas folder which is big enough for a written message which is often times more desired than an expensive gift. The best I've seen yet and still within price reason are those at the Avalanche office. Any other place you'd pay a much bigger price. (Supply exhausted).

### Hobby Gifts

1. Old stockings, ties and cloth for the rug maker.  
2. Pieces from your sewing box for the quilt maker.  
3. Box of good clothes for the mother or grandmother who loves to make over.  
4. A few of your favorite recipes to the cook.  
5. A box of good magazines you've read to someone sick or shut in—who loves to read or to some little girl for making a scrapbook.

Every Campfire girl knows that "Love is the joy of service so deep that self is forgotten." This is truly a Christmas spirit. Why not give or make what will give the most joy and service. This present time calls for care in making needless and foolish expenditures. "He who learns to use and save with smaller things will find the bigger things later on."

Decorate your cakes and cookies with holly, poinsettia, bell ribbon or similar decorations by using regular coloring in your frosting. A big layer cake with white frosting, decorated with holly and berries would make a fine centerpiece.

### Poor Man's Pudding

One cup molasses, ½ cup fat, 1 cup four milk, 1 teaspoon soda, 2½ cups all-purpose flour, ¼ teaspoon salt. Melt fat, add molasses and sour milk. Stir dry ingredients. Blend thoroughly and steam 1½ hours. Raisin or other such fruit may be added. Serve with lemon or vinegar pudding sauce. Good substitute for Christmas plum pudding.

### Christmas Salad

8 apples—red, skinned, 6 bananas, 2 oranges, 8 peach halves, 1 cup diced pineapple, 1 cup red and green cherries. Dice all fruit. Drain juice. Let set one hour where cold. Add your favorite fruit dressing. Serve individually or in big glass bowl.

### Taxes Are Due

Taxes are due and payable beginning December 10th. I will be at my office in Grayling Town Hall December 10th and 11th and every Saturday thereafter until January 10th for the purpose of collecting taxes.

Clare Madison,  
Treasurer, Grayling Twp.  
12-17-41

## Driving Caution For Christmas

Cooperating in the "Caution for Christmas" safe driving campaign, the state highway department this week announced maintenance crews had been placed on a "war" footing to keep Michigan's highways safe for holiday travelers.

State Highway Commissioner G. Donald Kennedy predicted that Michigan's highways, already carrying more than 25 per cent more traffic than last year, would witness the biggest holiday transportation rush in the history of the Department during the next three weeks.

"Exceptionally short holiday vacations," Kennedy said, "are expected to be the rule this year as the nation gears for war. Motorists may be tempted to take chances they would otherwise avoid in making hurried holiday trips. Such trips should be discouraged as much as possible and drivers should remember they are driving in the most dangerous month of the year."

All preliminary work, Kennedy pointed out, had been completed by highway maintenance crews, including the checking of equipment, installing snow fences and placing of the familiar orange barrels of sand and calcium chloride at strategic points. A volunteer "army" of spotters has also been recruited throughout the state to warn of storm conditions and maintenance crews have been placed on the "alert" for immediate action. In addition to permitting the maintenance crews to "get the jump" on storms, Kennedy said the reporting service had also made it possible to supply motorists with a daily report on highway conditions throughout the state.

"Each morning," Kennedy explained, "during adverse weather conditions, district headquarters relay weather and road conditions to the Lansing office from where they are made available to newspapers and radio stations."

Kennedy also stated the Department would attempt throughout the winter to not only keep highways open, but to keep them as free from ice as possible.

For fire insurance call at the Avalanche office.

On the Right Rail  
Near Columbus, Ga., several trucks of the City of Miami, Ill., Central's crack streamliner, left rails, sliced ties and spikes for half-mile, crossed a 150-foot trestle hit a curve and safely removed the rails.

## MICHIGAN STATE OIL AND GAS LEASES

Leases of state owned oil and gas rights will be offered at public auction January 8 and January 9, 1942, at ten o'clock in forenoon, Eastern Standard Time in the office of the Lands Division, Department of Conservation, Lansing.

January 8, 1942.  
160 acres in T 19 N, R 4 E, Sec. 3, county. 1,120 acres in T 17 N, R 5 and 6 W, 140 acres in T 17 N, R 6 W, Clare county. 1,120 acres in T 25 N, R 4 W, Crawford county. 80 acres in T 15 N, R 5 W, 3,240 acres in T 16 N, R 5 and 6 W, Isabella county. 1,120 acres in T 25 N, R 5 and 6 W, 480 acres in T 28 N, R 6 W, Kalamazoo county.

January 9, 1942.  
320 acres in T 14 N, R 5 E, Sec. 3, county. 1,240 acres in T 15 N, R 10 W, Mecosta county. 1,120 acres in T 22 N, R 7 W, 1,120 acres in T 23 N, R 5 W, 1,120 acres in T 24 N, R 5 and 6 W, Missaukee county. 120 acres in T 13 N, R 11 W, Newaygo county. 1,040 acres in T 17 N, R 7 W, 20 acres in T 18 N, R 10 W, 2,720 acres in T 19 N, R 8 and 9 W, 2,720 acres in T 20 N, R 10 W, 2,720 acres in T 21 N, R 10 W, 2,720 acres in T 21 N, R 3 W, Roscommon county.

Specific description and particulars upon request.

Department of Conservation,  
P. J. Hoffmaster,  
Director.

## NOTICE OF LOST INSURANCE POLICIES

Notice is hereby given that the following numbered blank policies of The American Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey, furnished Palmer Fire Insurance Agency agent, Grayling, Michigan, have been lost, misplaced, destroyed or stolen, and are hereby declared null and void and no effect, and should not be accepted in executed form by any person:

Automobile AB8216 to 3225-10

Any person having knowledge of the whereabouts of the policies in either blank or executed form, please communicate at once with Fred H. Pierson, State Agent, 123 So. Grand Ave., Lansing, Mich. 12-11-41

## STATE OF MICHIGAN (Anna Bennett Estate)

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Grayling in said county, the 8th day of December, A. D. 1941.

Present: Hon. Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Anna Bennett, deceased.

Ronnow Hanson, administrator of said estate having filed in said court his petition praying for the time for the presentation of claims against said estate to be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive and examine and adjust all claims and demands against said estate, and before said court.

It is Ordered, That two months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate.

It is Further Ordered, That on the 16th day of February, 1942, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, in said probate office, he and she be appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims and demands against said estate.

Charles E. Moore,  
Judge of Probate.

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### DOUBLE FEATURE PROGRAM

No. 1—ROY ROGERS and SALLY PAYNE

In

"RED RIVER VALLEY"

No. 2—FRANCES LANGFORD and JOHNNY DOWNS

In

"ALL-AMERICAN CO-ED"

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"DICK TRACY VS. CRIME"

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SUN., MON., TUES. DEC. 21-22-23

(Sunday Show-Continuous from 2:00 P. M.)

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Novelty Cartoon Late War News

## Merry Christmas!

PLEASE NOTE THIS THEATRE WILL BE CLOSED WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

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THURSDAY and FRIDAY, DEC. 25-26

Thursday, Christmas Day, the show will be continuous from 2:00 P. M.

### GIANT DOUBLE FEATURE

No. 1—THE MERRY MACS and BABY SANDY

In

"MELODY LANE"

No. 2—WEAVER BROS. and ELVIRY

In

"TUXEDO JUNCTION"

"BANK NIGHT" Will Not be conducted this week Friday, December 26th.

# LOCALS

THURSDAY, DEC. 18, 1941

Otto Failing was in Lansing the latter part of last week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Esbern Hanson left Wednesday to spend a few days in Detroit.

MEN. You can see the new deluxe pull-on overshoe at Olson's. Priced at only \$3.50.

Kathryn Charron of C.M.C., of E. M. Pleasant, was home visiting her parents over the week end.

Mrs. Peter Madsen and daughter Eva, and Mrs. Marie Hanson spent Saturday in Saginaw visiting relatives.

St. Mary's Altar society will hold an Apron and Bake sale at Connine's grocery Saturday afternoon, Dec. 20.

Silk hose are THE gift this Christmas. Admiration hose at \$1.00 and \$1.19, at Olson's.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Galloway are happy over the birth of a son Michael Patrick, December 15th, at Mercy Hospital.

Mrs. Sam Stevenson and children visited Mr. Stevenson at the Gaylord Sanatorium, Sunday.

Otto Failing, Lewis Dorman and Eugene Irwin who are hunting wildcats, have succeeded in shooting three this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert LaMotte and children expect to spend Christmas visiting Mrs. LaMotte's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Cariveau in Detroit.

Miss Florence Butler is leaving Saturday for Dearborn to visit her father William Butler Sr., and other relatives over Christmas.

Mrs. Elsie Rasmussen will leave Monday for Detroit to be gone over the holidays visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hanson.

There will be an Apron and Bake sale at Connine's grocery Saturday afternoon, beginning at 1:00 o'clock given by St. Mary's Altar society.

Mrs. Albert Roberts entertained the Danish Junior Aid society at her home on Thursday evening. The ladies worked on layettes for the Red Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Winslow and Miss Alice Denewett spent the week end visiting the former's brother, Sgt. R. C. Winslow at Selfridge Field, Mt. Clemens.

Tom Ingley is improving a little after a few bad days. He is a patient at Mercy Hospital where he has been since the first of December, suffering with paralysis.

Mrs. James Bugby drove to Ludington Sunday night to accompany Mr. Bugby home, the latter who completed a several months job as chef on a Great Lakes boat.

Ernest Bishaw, Paul Lovely Jr., Wilfred Wiseman and Jack McClain have arrived home after sailing the Great Lakes, for several months working on the J. W. Gates boat.

A new supply of handbags has just arrived at Olson's. Priced at only \$1.39.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hansen spent Friday and Saturday in Saginaw visiting relatives—Miss Caroline Welch and nephew, Mickey—Hansen returned with them to visit Miss Welch's parents Mr. and Mrs. Edward Welch.

Mrs. Frank Barney of Lewiston visited Miss Odie Sheehy from Thursday to Sunday. The latter together with Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Sheehy accompanied her home Sunday, remaining for the day.

Mrs. William LaGrow is entertaining the "Just Us" club for their annual Christmas party at her home tonight. Gifts will be exchanged among the members. Mrs. Robert LaMotte was hostess to the group for their last week's meeting.

A telegram from Major R. E. Bates, stationed at Pearl Harbor, Manila, to his sister Mrs. Hermann, said that he was well and safe. He certainly must have witnessed the bombing of Pearl Harbor naval station and had to witness just what real war is like.

The Women of the Moose are having a Christmas program for the children, age 12 and under, whose parents belong to the Moose, on Sunday, December 21st at 7:30 p. m. They will be given a sack of candy and nuts. It is requested that all the children be there.

As next Thursday is Christmas Day, the Avalanche will be published on Wednesday, to allow its employees to enjoy Christmas to its fullest extent. We ask that advertisers, correspondents and others who contribute newspaper copy will please have their ads and news in a day earlier.

Announcements have been received from Mr. and Mrs. George V. Craig of Birmingham, telling of the birth of twin daughters to them on November 28th. Judith Ann weighed 5 pounds 6 ounces and Susan Kay 4 pounds 15 1/2 ounces. The mother, who was formerly Mary Mahnecke, and is well known here, was a twin herself.

Protect your home from tuberculosis. Buy Christmas seals! Give HIM the finest winter sportswear from Olson's.

Mrs. Robert Ziebell celebrated her birthday anniversary Tuesday.

Wilhelm Raac left Wednesday for Detroit to be gone for a few days.

Wesley Sammons of Lansing is visiting his mother, Mrs. Ella Sammons.

Mr. and Mrs. George Schaible and Miss Beverly spent Wednesday in Traverse City.

Mrs. Ben Yoder of Lansing had the misfortune to fall Friday at her home and break her right arm.

Mrs. William Hill received a cable from Mr. Hill, who is over in Hawaii, telling her that he and the two boys are well and OK.

The Birthday Club had their annual Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Jensen on the South Branch Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Alma of Frederic are happy over the arrival of a son, born Tuesday evening. The baby weighs 9 pounds and 6 ounces.

Dwain Wainwright was found not guilty by a jury December 12, of driving a motor vehicle carelessly and heedlessly and without having said car under proper control.

Alvin B. Zauel, who is stationed with Uncle Sam's Army at Fort Benning, Ga., arrived Wednesday and is visiting Mrs. Zauel at the home of her father, Walter Hanson.

Mrs. Harry Sorenson entertained the members of her Bunco club last week Wednesday evening at Zauel's. There were 12 present. Lunch was served in the private dining room.

Willard Garred, student minister from the Grand View Theological Seminary, Des Moines, Iowa, will arrive in Grayling Saturday to serve the Grayling Lutheran church until after the first of the year.

Festoons of vari-colored lights and a community tree at the intersection of Michigan and Peninsular avenues tell us that the yuletide is in our midst. This is the City's contribution to the holiday festivities.

Mrs. Roy Trudgeon entertained her Saturday Bridge club with a luncheon served at the Shoppenagons Inn at one o'clock. Bridge was played at the Annex, Mrs. Roy Milnes and Mrs. Frank Bond holding winning scores.

I will be in Grayling all day Friday, and Friday evening, December 19th, at Dr. R. C. Peckham's office. Eyes examined and glasses prescribed. Dr. Kenneth W. Tinker, Optometrist, Traverse City, Mich. 12-4-3

The City Council is considering an ordinance prohibiting overnight parking in the city streets. This is to make the streets more easily cleaned of snow early mornings. In that way the snow may be scraped from the sides into the centers of the streets and hauled away. Seems like a good idea.

Douglas Bishop, a student at Ohio State University, in the Department of Business and Commerce, enlisted this week. He is now in training as a U. S. Army aviation cadet at Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio—but expects to leave shortly for Lowry Field, Colorado. Douglas is the grandson of Mrs. Elizabeth Foley of this city.

On a few former years persons have been known to take electric bulbs from Christmas trees, and other yuletide decorations. This is strictly an act of larceny. Mayor George Burke has come forward with a cash offer of \$10.00 reward to anyone reporting such thefts and upon apprehension and conviction of the guilty parties.

About a dozen physicians of Northern Michigan enjoyed a dinner at Zauel's tavern Tuesday evening. The private dining room had been adorned in the spirit of Christmas, with yuletide decorations and colors. War time problems and what physicians can do to help out in this time of emergency were the principal matters discussed at the meeting that followed.

Mrs. Harry Hutchins entertained her bridge club with a pot luck dinner Tuesday evening. Mrs. Stanley Stealy and Mrs. Emil Niederer held winning scores. Mrs. Charles Meisel was honored on her birthday with a nice birthday cake. Mrs. Roy Trudgeon entertained the club last week, at the Annex. Mrs. Stanley Stealy and Mrs. George Olson held the winning scores.

The AuSable Valley Sunday School wishes to thank all who helped to make their box social and entertainment a success. The program was as follows: Group singing of Christmas carols, "Star Spangled Banner" by the crowd, "Joy To the World" by Mrs. Norval Stephan and Miss Thelma Vallad, "Prayer" by Mrs. Max Laage, selections on musical saw and piano by Archie Cripps and Mrs. June Gross, song, "Ave Marie" by Mrs. June Gross, "An Evening Paper" by Mr. and Mrs. Max Laage and hidden choir, "Reading" by Mrs. John Knecht. The AuSable Valley Sunday School will hold their Christmas program at the Grange Hall, Dec. 21st at 2 p. m. The public is invited.

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### MENU

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Mrs. Ben DeLaMater is visiting Mr. DeLaMater in Saginaw this week.

Miss Ruth Stevenson was home from Lake City Sunday accompanied by Frank Jankowski.

The ladies of St. Mary's church will have a bake sale and apron sale on Saturday, December 20th.

The City Firemen and their families will have their annual Christmas party at the Moose hall Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Rawleigh McClain of Houghton Lake were here Sunday visiting the former's sisters, Mrs. Minnie Miller and Miss Genevieve McClain.

## Grayling Quintet Defeats Roscommon

The Grayling basketball team won its first victory of the season, Tuesday night against Roscommon, one of the best "Class D" schools in this part of the state, by a score of 26 to 25. In one of the most exciting games played here this season and with four veteran players absent, Grayling played a losing game until the last four minutes, when the team came from behind to win.

Grayling scored a foul shot that decided the game in the last few moments of play.

## Rialto Theatre Will Be Host To Kiddies

Next Monday afternoon the children of Crawford county are invited to be guests of Manager George N. Olson at a free show at the Rialto Theatre.

This is George's Christmas treat for the children and at 1:30 o'clock there will be a performance for the out-of-towners and at 3:00 o'clock for the local kiddies.

Walt Disney's "Pinocchio" is the production that will be presented.

## Beautiful Cantata Sung By Chorus Of Thirty Voices

"A Savior is Born," "Let Heaven and Nature Sing." In a setting of greens and cathedral candles in Michelson Memorial church an assemblage of Grayling people gathered to listen to the cantata "Star of Bethlehem" sung by the church choir, High School Glee club and teachers Wednesday evening.

These cantatas, under the able direction of Mrs. C. G. Clippert, have been given annually for several years and have become one of the musical treats of the holiday season. The processional and recessional by the children is always an

impressive feature as they lift their voices in those beautiful songs: "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," and "Silent Night," accompanied by the piano and the violin, played by Mrs. Emil Niederer.

The senior and junior choirs, choruses, solos, trios, rendered beautiful cantata that will remain with all those present throughout the Christmas season.

## The Weather

The temperature has been hovering between 23 and 25 since Saturday. There is hardly any snow on the ground and with the temperature this morning 38 and steadily rising, there will probably not be any by night. So unless it turns colder we will be having a green Christmas.

## Future Enlisted P.



These three serious young enlisted men of the U. S. Army Air Corps are getting acquainted with a pursuit plane at Hamilton Field, California. They are studying to become Staff Sergeant Pilots and are among the first enlisted men of the Regular Army to enroll as Aviation Students, newly created grade similar to that of Aviation Cadet, but requiring slightly less rigid preliminary educational requirements. Upon successfully completing their course of instruction, they will be appointed Staff Sergeant Pilots and assigned to Air Corps units. Left to right: Corporal James R. Tucker, Corporal Gordon D. Gentell, and Staff Sergeant Morris D. McDougal.



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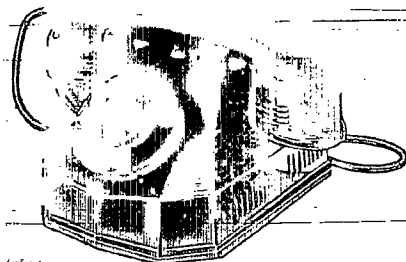
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Tee Hanson Gets  
Taste of Los Angeles  
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Los Angeles, Calif.  
Thursday,Dear Johnny (Clarence  
Johnson):

They said it could not happen here, but it has, and these are exciting and interesting days here on the Pacific coast, and last night, here in Los Angeles, we experienced our first complete blackout. People here are very calm. Recruiting offices here are swamped with applicants.

As you know there is a very large Jap population here. They all live here in a section called Little Tokio. When the news came that Japan had attacked us, Uncle Sam quickly moved in and took over Little Tokio here, lock, stock and barrel, closing up all shops, and taking possession of all business houses and banks owned by Japs. Also quickly rounded up all alien Germans, Italians, Japs, etc.

The consensus of opinion here is that we are in for a long and bloody war but none are fearful of the final outcome, as with our nation united as never before, we will in the end be victorious. It took something like what happened in Pearl Harbor to wake up and unite our nation. "The Japs stabbed us in the back," got in the first punch, but we will get in the last punch and believe me it will be a knockout.

City engineers here are now busy preparing plans for air raid shelters, and they will be needed here as with so many airplane plants in California we can expect air raids all along the coast.

Hopie this letter finds you all well at home and I know you are all doing your duty as true Americans.

As ever,

"Tee" T. W. Hanson.

## Cities Decrease

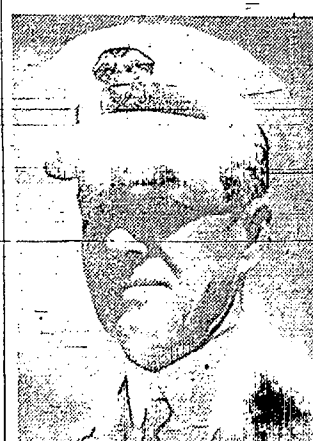
Cities of 100,000 or more number 92 according to the 1940 census, a decrease of one in 10 years. But the total population of these 92 cities was—97,997,989; compared with 96,165,171 in 1930.

## 'Dear Santa'



These boys want Santa Claus to know about their favorite toys in plenty of time before Christmas, and they're willing to rise to the occasion. With the help of his older brother, this young man solemnly mails his letter to "Dear Santa."

## Heads Asiatic Fleet



Admiral Thomas C. Hart, commander in chief of the United States Asiatic fleet since July 25, 1939, upon whom falls the burden of carrying the war to Japan in the Far East.

Washington, D. C.  
HIDDEN TREASURE

With American industries crying for war materials, the government has finally got around to seizing a giant horde of semi-manufactured war materials originally intended for the conquered countries.

Tons upon tons of steel bars, steel rods, steel sheets, ship plates, tin plate, copper wire were ordered by Poland, Czechoslovakia, Holland and Belgium, some of it three years ago. It has been in warehouses and idle freight cars ever since, despite the scarcity of raw materials and despite the fact that some industries are even closing for lack of them.

Why this horde of priceless material remained untouched for so long is a mystery. But the secret is first, government red tape and bureaucracy; second, the fact that owners of these materials, who were holding them for higher prices, did not want to sell.

The old Export Control board under Gen. Russell Maxwell, who is now devoting his abilities to the Near East, did nothing about this treasure horde. But now Henry Wallace's Economic Defense board is finally moving in.

A small haul was made earlier this year in Hoboken, N. J., of aluminum and other materials, but the coming seizures are on a far greater scale. Of one commodity alone, tin plate, there will be 100,000 cases, or 15,000 tons, taken from three areas, New York, Philadelphia, and Baltimore.

The total haul of all commodities will be between 20 and 25 thousand carloads, which, at an average of 50 tons to the car, means over a million tons.

The Economic Defense board will use only \$200,000 to finance the requisitioning of all this material, the value of which runs into many millions. Most of it will be seized and sold again on the same day, so the \$200,000 will be merely a revolving fund.

## INTERNEED ITALIANS

One of the Italian ship officers in detention at Fort Missoula, Mont., wrote his wife in Italy a letter which U. S. officials are sure will never reach her.

The letter will get to Italy, all right. Mail is still being exchanged regularly between the two countries. But authorities are certain that the officer's letter will not get by U. S. censors, for, in hungry, battered, war-weary Italy this poignant message would not be "good propaganda."

## This is the reason:

"We left Philadelphia for the city of Missoula," wrote the husband. "The journey lasted three days and three nights on a train and was a real pleasure. We did not lack a thing because we traveled in a Pullman. At meal times we turned it into a dining room and at night into a dormitory. The meals were magnificent."

"I can tell you that for me the journey was one I had dreamed of for years and then, in an extraordinary way, it came true. As I said before, this place is beautiful, all green with woods and surrounded by hills. The air is fine and healthy, my appetite very good and the food abundant and exquisite."

"We do not lack milk, butter, meat, bread, vegetables, fruit, sugar or coffee. When I am eating I always think of you, who are perhaps without food. No one can complain about the guards. They treat us with every respect and consideration."

Note: To Americans the effusive description of the food as "abundant and exquisite" is interesting, because the alien prisoners at Fort Missoula are fed straight army fare. In quality and quantity their rations are exactly the same as those of U. S. soldiers.

## SCRAP IRON TO JAPAN

For years, the heaviest foreign buyer of U. S. scrap iron was Japan. Despite much public protesting, the state department permitted Japanese militarists to import huge quantities of this vital strategic material. Now appeasement chickens are coming home to roost.

With defense production swinging into full tide, the U. S. suddenly is confronted with a serious scrap shortage. For various reasons, defense chiefs are saying nothing about the situation. But it is very acute. A number of steel makers have privately reported curtailed production schedules in the offing because of inability to obtain needed supplies of scrap.

One important plant executive went so far as to describe his condition as "almost desperate."

## CAPITAL CHAFF

Everyone is getting increased wages, except the poor postman. The cost of living has gone up but he can't strike against the government.

The army air corps is wind-tunnel testing a new single-engine fighter plane that will do 512 miles an hour, 100 miles faster than any other plane in existence. All the bugs have been eliminated from the plane except one—finding a pilot who can safely fly a plane at that terrific speed.

Special Session  
of Legislature

Because of mounting needs for money, observers in Lansing are forecasting that the governor will call a special session of the state legislature early in 1942.

At the first war-time session of the state administrative board, national defense needs in Michigan were discussed. State troops, organized to replace national guard units, number 3,200 men. These will probably be increased at once to 4,160 and later on to 7,500, the full strength point for the guard units they will replace.

State prison industries have been assigned the job of turning out needed military clothing. It was discovered that Michigan could not even assign 1,000 men to winter patrol duty except in their own civilian overcoats to keep them warm.

The daily maintenance cost of state troopers will be \$4.50 to \$5—an inkling of the coming cost to the state treasury if Michigan is called upon to use the home guard during the war.

Something Different  
In Gifts

## Apple Sauce Fruit Cakes

For the boys away from home, for friends who live in small apartments, for all those "gifties" who have so many things that giving them something different is a problem, we suggest these apple sauce fruit cakes, baked in individual casseroles and made from delicious flavor-full Michigan apples.

You'll be twice blessed, for after the cake is gone the casserole remains for remembrance. And don't forget how well fruit cake keeps—important for those of you who are sending food far away. This is what you'll need:

1/2 cup butter  
1 1/2 cups old-fashioned brown sugar  
2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour  
2 eggs  
1 1/2 cups apple sauce  
2 teaspoons soda  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon cloves  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg  
2 teaspoons lemon juice  
2 tablespoons apple brandy  
2 cups raisins  
1 cup figs  
1 cup orange peel  
1 cup citron  
1 cup nutmeats (chopped)  
Prepare fruit and nuts. Sift flour, measure and sift a portion over fruit—mix thoroughly. Sift remaining flour with soda, baking powder and spices.

Cream butter. Add sugar and cream thoroughly. Add eggs one at a time and beat until well blended. Add apple sauce, lemon juice and brandy. Add dry ingredients gradually, stirring them in well.

Add fruit and mix well. Pour in well-greased individual pans or casseroles. Bake 300 degrees for 1 hour.

## Wassail Bowl

To 1 quart of apple juice add the juice and pulp of 2 oranges and 1 lemon. Add 1 cup granulated sugar, 1/2 teaspoon of nutmeg, 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves, 1/2 teaspoon all spice and 2 sticks cinnamon. Heat; allow to come to a boil. Strain and serve hot. Cut up raw apples and add just before serving. This is better if made the day before and reheated just before serving.

Try this heart-warming drink. Served with old fashioned Pennsylvania apple strudel it's a merry Christmas treat that will win loads of compliments.

## Pennsylvania Apple Strudel

5 cups sliced Michigan apples  
1 cup old-fashioned brown sugar  
1/2 cup seedless raisins  
1/2 cup chopped nuts  
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon  
3 tablespoons melted butter  
2 1/2 cups bread flour  
1 teaspoon salt  
2 tablespoons shortening  
2 eggs, slightly beaten  
1/2 cup warm water  
Sift flour and salt together. Cut in shortening and add eggs and water. Knead well; beat until it blisters. Stand in warm place for 30 minutes. Cover the kitchen table with white cloth and flour it. Put dough on it and pull out with hands to the thickness of tissue paper. Spread with mixture made of other ingredients. Fold in outer edges and roll about four inches wide. Place on cookie sheet and bake 10 minutes at 450 degrees F., then about 30 minutes at 350 degrees F. Cool and cut in slices. Keep in cookie jar.

(Recipe tested by Dorothy W. Lewis, home economist, Michigan State Apple Commission).

## CARD OF THANKS

"I wish to extend my sincere thanks to relatives and friends for their kindness and help during my recent bereavement—the death of my husband.  
Mrs. Martha Pearsall.

## Gifts

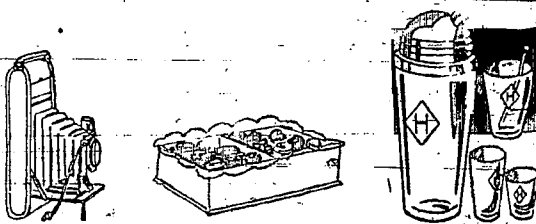
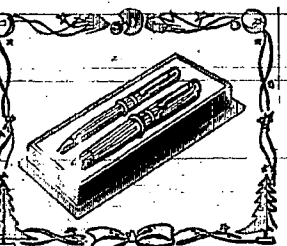
IT ISN'T TOO  
LATE YET!

We can still show you a good line of fine quality gifts to please the most critical. If someone on your list presents a problem—if you can't decide on just the right gift—look over our selection.

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This year--don't forget anyone. Let us help you make your buying easy and economical.

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with each purchase



## DAWSON'S

Accidents Offer  
Grave Threat

Nothing can spoil the festive gaiety of a Christmas celebration more completely than a fire or accident in the home. There are several essential precautions which will help to assure a truly Merry Christmas.

1. Don't risk using frayed cords and broken plugs.

2. Don't handle electrical appliances with wet hands.

3. Don't yank at cords or run them under rugs.

4. Don't forget to have insulated staples on hand for stringing cords around.

5. Don't overload your house circuit. Usually 1,000 watts is as much as any one circuit will stand.

6. Don't neglect providing plenty of extra lamp bulbs of the various sizes and colors you're using for Christmas cheer, so you can replace burned-out ones.

7. Don't put pennies in a blown-out fuse. A blown fuse is a warning!

8. Don't have high wattage lamp bulbs near flammable materials, paper or cotton. Watch out about using candles too near draperies, wall paper or woodwork.

9. Don't plan to have a row of candles too close to a mirror or the heat may crack it.

10. And above all, don't burn real candles on your Christmas tree unless it has first been thoroughly fireproofed.

Anti-tuberculosis Seals  
Sold in Forty Nations

Besides the United States, more than 40 different countries throughout the world now have, or have had, Christmas seals or stamps that are sold wholly or partially for tuberculosis work. Little did Einar Holboell realize, when he conceived that first Danish Christmas seal, launched in 1904, that his simple idea would in a generation circle the globe.

Claiming the honor of having originated the Christmas seal sale, Denmark has, with its neighboring country, Sweden, held seal sales annually since 1904. In the United States, seal sales began in 1907.

Up to 1934, the sale of Christmas seals in the United States alone totaled \$75,000,000, all of which has been devoted to the control of tuberculosis.

Must Have Birth  
Certificate to Work  
on Defense

Men and women who want jobs on defense work should prepare themselves now with a certified copy of their birth record, says the Michigan Department of Health.

"In order to obtain work in defense industries, a birth record as proof of citizenship must be shown the employer," Dr. H. Allen Moyer, State Health Commissioner, explained. "Without that proof, workers cannot be placed on defense payrolls, even old workers who are transferred within a plant to production for defense."

In the next few weeks and months, thousands of old factory jobs will be abolished and new defense jobs will be created. To avoid delays in defense work and to avoid unemployment, Dr. Moyer said, workers who anticipate a shift to defense jobs should

apply now for certified copies of birth records.

Birth records can be obtained from the county clerk of the county where the birth occurred, from the State Health Department at Lansing, and for certain years from full-time city health departments. The fee for a certified birth record from the state is \$1.00 in cash or money order. Name, date of birth, place of birth including county and names of parents must be supplied.

## CARD OF THANKS

We are very appreciative of the many kindnesses and expressions of sympathy of neighbors and friends in the recent passing of our wife and mother.  
Walter Hanson and Family.

## Taxes Are Due

I will be at my home every evening to collect taxes.  
Clarence C. Small,  
Beaver Creek Twp. Treas.  
12-11-4

## FOR FREEDOM



American farmers, through the AAA Farm Program, are planning on reaching the highest production of food next year in the history of American agriculture. By using production goals and careful co-operative planning, farmers are making this necessary increase without wasting soil fertility.

Supplying food is the job of the American farmer. That's the job the American farmer has done—will do next year—and as long as necessary—by reaching record production in spite of farm labor shortages and lack of new machinery.

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